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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO USSR, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA,
FRANCE, AND THE FRG ON COAL MINING

REF: DUSSELDORF 719

1. EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE WAS CONTACTED 5 MAY BY MESHKOV,
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECTION, MINISTRY OF THE COAL
INDUSTRY. ACCORDING TO MESHKOV, MINISTRY HAS RECEIVED TWO
COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS FROM MCATEER, "MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH
ADMINISTRATION," DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, REQUESTING VISIT IN
SECOND HALF OF JUNE ON COAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH.
MESHKOV SAID THAT SECOND CABLE ARRIVED "SIX DAYS AGO," AND
REQUESTED URGENT VISA SUPPORT FOR DELEGATION, WHICH IS DE-
PARTING U.S. "WITHIN TEN DAYS." MESHKOV SAID THAT SOVIETS
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CAN ISSUE VISAS ONLY AFTER FULL CLEARANCES, WHICH THEY EX-
PECT TO COMPLETE ABOUT 1 JUNE. MESHKOV THEREFORE RE-
QUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING ITINERARY OF
MCATEER DELEGATION SO THAT SOVIET VISAS CAN BE ISSUED WHEN
FORMALITIES COMPLETE.

2. REFTEL WAS FIRST THAT EMBASSY LEARNED OF THIS USG DELE-

GATION. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, A U.S. DELEGATION ON COAL UNDER THE U.S.-U.S.S.R. ENERGY AGREEMENT IS PLANNING TO VISIT THE USSR THIS SUMMER, AND IS INTERESTED IN MANY SUBJECTS LISTED IN THE REFTEL. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COORDINATE THESE TWO VISITS IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING SPECIAL ATTENTION TOWARD U.S./SOVIET ENERGY COOPERATION AND IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE BENEFIT TO THE U.S. IN THE COAL AREA. WE URGE THAT MCATEER CONTACT U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE ENERGY AGREEMENT. IN PARTICULAR, IT IS IMPORTANT TO AVOID OVERLOADING THE LIMITED CIRCUITS SUCH AS THAT AT THE MINISTRY OF THE COAL INDUSTRY. PLEASE KEEP US ADVISED OF THE PLANS OF THE MCATEER DELEGATION. TOON

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